(e) the details of the efforts being made by Government to promote the said food processing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) According to the report of M/s Rabo India Finance Pvt. Ltd., wastage of the agricultural food items is estimated to be about Rs. 58000 crore occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure, lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities etc. As per the National Accounts Statistics 2005 average annual GDP growth rate of FPI including tobacco in the country during 2000-01 to 2003-04 was 7.86%. The Government has formulated and implemented several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization of the food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of the food processing industries. In order to give boost to growth of FPI sector the Government in 2004-05 has allowed under Income Tax Act, a deduction of 100% of profit for five years and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables. Excise duty of 16% on dairy machinery has been fully waived for promotion of dairy processing industries. In the Budget of 2005-06 customs duty on refrigerated vans was reduced from 20% to 10%. In the Budget 2006-07 the Government has announced to exempt excise duty on condensed milk, ice cream, preparations of meat, fish and poultry, pectins, pasta and yeast. Excise duty on ready-to-eat packaged foods and instant food mixes, like dosa and idli mixes reduced from 16 per cent to 8 percent. Excise duty on aerated drinks has been reduced from 24 per cent to 16 per cent.

Increase of HIV/AIDS cases

†2021. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of cases of HIV/AIDS is increasing in the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the measures being taken to deal with this situation, to treat and prevent this disease; and

(c) the details of the measures taken by Government for Madhya Pradesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The number of HIV infection has increased from 38.6 lakhs in 2000 to 51.3 lakhs in 2004. The year wise number of infection in the country and reported number of cases is as below:

Year	Number of Infections	No. of reported AIDS cases
2000	38.6 lakhs	8708
2001	39.7 lakhs	13649
2002	45.8 lakhs	19,077
2003	51.06 lakhs	21,587
2004	51.34 lakhs	27,432

(b) and (c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, Govt. of India has launched a comprehensive national AIDS Control Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme under following components:—

- Preventive interventions for high-risk populations through targeted interventions adopting a multi-pronged strategy including peer counseling and behaviour change communication. Presently 968 NGOs are implementing 1033 Targeted Interventions across the country aiming to prevent HIV transmission among high risk groups comprising commercial sex workers, injecting drug users, men having sex with men, migrant labors, truckers and street children etc. The Targeted Intervention projects provide holistic package of services including behavior change communication, treatment of sexually transmitted infections, linkage for care and support

services, condom promotion and enabling environment for behavior change.

- Preventive interventions for the general population through programmes for blood safety, voluntary counseling and testing services, Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT), Information Education and Communication (IEC). To prevent the spread of HIV infection amongst adolescents, National Action Plan has been developed for HIV Prevention Education to reach 100% secondary and senior secondary schools under Adolescent Education Programme. The programme aims to provide information on HIV transmission and prevention, development of life skills and reinforcing existing positive behavior among students, promote abstinence and delay sexual debut till marriage. 76000 secondary and senior secondary schools have already been covered across the country under this programme.

- Provision of low cost care and support services by providing community care services, treatment of opportunistic infections, free Antiretroviral therapy in designated centres and prevention of occupational exposure.

- Collaborative efforts to promote inter-sectoral programme activities including workplace interventions and public-private partnerships.

- Build technical and managerial capacities for programme implementation through Surveillance, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical Resource Groups, operational research and Programme management.

Regarding Madhya Pradesh State, besides above said activities, the Family Health awareness campaigns have been conducted since 1999 and during 2005 this campaign was conducted in 48 districts. A total of about 29 lakh condoms were distributed through STD clinics, dhabas and inter-state and toll tax barriers. The State has also implemented comprehensive IEC strategies to raise awareness level among masses. The school AIDS education programme is being conducted with the support of education department.